

October 18, 2023 Minutes WOE-Retired Trotwood Metro Library Community Room

As members arrived for the event they were introduced to Veleta Jenkins, CEO and founder of Library for Africa. "Plant a seed where there's a need." For those not in attendance the website for information is libraryforafrica.org.

Welcome by Doris Moore. Members and guests shared their thoughts about Africa as took attendance. Members present: Emmy Brudzynski, Deb Drake, Sandy Freeman, Annette Johnson, Phil Long, Doris Moore, Debbie Owens, Jane Rahn, Val Roldan, Karen Shires, Wille Terrell, Joni Watson. Guests: Pastor William Moore, Art Mehaffey. Speaker: Veleta Jenkins.

Program: Veleta Jenkins, Library for Africa. A Dayton organization making international impact providing educational resources to youth in the Dayton/ Montgomery County area and Liberia. Members brought in gently used or new books and book bags.

Lunch was Subway or members providing their own.

12:30 Business meeting called to order by Doris Moore.

Sept. minutes not available due to medical emergencies. Will be sent with Oct. minutes.

Officers Reports: printed and will be attached to minutes.

OEA-R Advisory Council Report, Joni Watson: Reminder of Zoom Meetings available; update on OEA-Retired Spring conference planned by Becky Brown, SWOEA-R, and Joni Watson, WOE-R. Date: April 25, 2024, 10-3 pm at Dayton Peace Museum.

Standing Committee Reports:

Mailing: Willie Terrell. Special Edition mailed. Val, Jane and Emmy worked to get labels updated.

Membership: Emmy reported two deaths of life members: Rosalind Badiner and Joan Campbell

NAACP: Willie T. reported we are the only District in Ohio to be a member of the NAACP.

Other committees of Community Outreach, Nominations/Elections, Sunshine, Webmaster: no report

Newsletter Editor: Wayne deadline for Nov./Dec. issue is Oct. 19, 2023.

WOEA Committee Reports: Most committees have not met or have no report. Doris Moore reported on Professional Efficacy: an interesting workshop activity called Chew and Chat.

WOEA Leadership Councils

Miami Valley A&B Joni Watson -no report

2Far West Joni Watson-meeting in Nov.

Old Grand Lake Annette Johnson -no report

Grand Lake Phil Long – no report

Green County Karen Shires - met Sept. 11 members in attendance

Western Doris Moore and Delores R. Hudson (SWOEA-R) – teachers have concerns

Guidelines Revision. Phil Long passed out copies for members with Constitution at the top. A mistake had been made when sent out with the agenda. Moved by Sandy Freeman and 2nd by Debbie Owens. Discussion. Friendly amendment moved by Sandy Freeman to remove from letter **Va** Representative to OEA-R Advisory Council. Vote: Motion passed to amend the 2012 Guidelines to a Constitution on October 18, 2023.

Job Descriptions were presented by Phil. Sandy Freman moved and Deb Owens 2nd. Changes and additions were noted. Motions passed to amend the Job descriptions as presented.

Unfinished Business: Sandy Freman asked if work was being done on a budget for WOE-R. It was noted that Sandy Dobberstein is working on that but is traveling at this date.

New Business: Phil Long moved that WOE-R send a check for \$100 to Library for Africa. 2nd by Deb Owen. Motion passed. Library for Africa P.O. Box 208 Englewood, OH 45322

Doris thanked everyone for attending and taking part in the discussions. Committee chairpersons were reminded to send a written report prior to the meeting date.

Announcements: Nov. meeting is Wed., Nov. 15 at 11 am. Location is Shen's Szechuan & Suchi. Order from the menu. Program is Urban Educator and author Michael Unger. Book: **TEACH Lessons I Learned from My Students and Colleagues**, Published 2022. Available on Amazon, braughlerbooks.com and 2 copies at the Dayton Metro Library.

Meeting adjourned: 1:32 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jane Rahn, subbing for Lori Moodie, Secretary